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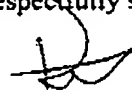
REMARKS

Entry of the attached amendment is requested. The amendments to Claim 9, 10, and 17 incorporate an aspect of previously pending claim 18, and therefore were already considered by the examiner. Therefore, no new issues are raised that would require a further search. New Claim 19 – provided in the Amendment filed August 27, 2004, but not entered, and alleged in the Advisory Action mailed September 15 to raise new issues – has not been included in this amendment.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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